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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PGOV, PINT, LE

SUBJECT: BEIRUT REGAINING STABILITY

REF: BEIRUT 7100

1. EXCEPT FOR TWO MINOR BOMB EXPLOSIONS DURING NIGHT JUNE 5-6, BEIRUT HAS BEEN COMPLETELY CALM SINCE OUR LAST REPORT (REFTEL) CITY IS BUSTLING WITH ACTIVITY, AND THERE ARE NO RPT NO REPORTS OF TROUBLE ELSEWHERE IN COUNTRY.

2. EFFORTS TO RESOLVE DEADLOCK OVER QUESTION OF PHALANGIST-JUMBLATTIST PARTICIPATION IN NEW LEBANESE CABINET ARE CONTINUING, WITH MAJOR ASSIST FROM EGYPTIAN PRES SADAT. LATTER, IN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED HERE JUNE 6 BY PRO-IRAQI DAILY, BEIRUT, URGED ARAB STATES TO ESCHEW INTERFERENCE IN LEBANESE AFFAIRS, INDICATED HIS READINESS TO VISIT BEIRUT IN ORDER FACILITATE ACHIEVEMENT OF BETTER MODUS VIVENDI BETWEEN GOL AND FEDAYEEN, AND EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE IN PHALANGIST LEADER PIERRE GEMAYEL'S ARABISM AND PATRIOTISM. PREMIER-DESIGNATE KARAME, FOR HIS PART, HAS VOICED HOPE THAT UNREST AND DISTURBANCES WHICH HAVE PLAGUED LEBANON FOR PAST TWO WEEKS ARE NOW OVER, AND PROMISED THAT SECURITY FORCES WILL DEAL FIRMLY WITH PERSONS WHO PERSIST IN CAUSING TROUBLE. HE ALSO CALLED ON ALL LEBANESE TO TURN NEW PAGE AND REBUILD THEIR RELATIONS WITH PALESTINIANS. ON SUBJECT OF NEW GOVT, KARAME SAID IT WOULD BE FORMED "IN DUE TIME" AND THAT HE IS INTENT ON FORMING GOVT THAT WOULD "SOLVE LEBANON'S PROBLEMS INSTEAD OF CREATING NEW ONES". IN THIS CONNECTION, HE RCALLED EXAMPLE SET 1958-62 BY LATE PRES FOUAD CHEHAB IN BINDING NATIONAL WOUNDS AND PRAISED CHEHAB AS MAN WHO FULLY UNDERSTOOD LEBANESE CONDITIONS AND KNEW HOW TO DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH PRESSING NATIONAL PROBLEMS.

3. COMMENT: KARAME'S REMARKS UNDOUBTEDLY WERE INTENDED FOR EFFECT ON LEBANESE POLITICAL LEADERS IN GENERAL AND KAMAL JUMBLATT (WHO STILL SHOWS NO SIGN OF RELENTING IN HIS ANTI-PHALANGIST CAMPAIGN) IN PARTICULAR. IN ADDITION, WE THINK THEY CONFIDENTIAL

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WERE ALSO--AND PERHAPS PRIMARILY--INTENDED AS VEILED APPEAL TO PRES FRANGIE TO ASSUME A MORE FORTHRIGHT, ENERGETIC AND CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN ASSISTING KARAME TO PUT TOGETHER CABINET CAPABLE OF TACKLING THIS COUNTRY'S MOST ACUTE INTERNAL PROBLEMS IN MORE EFFECTIVE MANNER THAN HAS BEEN DONE FOR MANY YEARS. REMAINS TO BE SEEN TO WHAT DEGREE FRANGIE SHARES KARAME'S CONCERN IN THIS REGARD. IN ANY EVENT, THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THAT MOST LEBANESE SINCERELY WISH THAT ANOTHER MAN OF FOUAD

CHEHAB'S CALIBER WAS GUIDING LEBANON'S DESTINY FROM PRESI-  
DENTIAL PALACE TODAY.  
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